



"Better Together"

New Training Program and Organizing Guide for Neighborhood Associations



If you are a newly ramping up or revitalizing neighborhood association, sign up your leadership for a two part workshop in April. Better Together - Sustaining a Successful Neighborhood Association will be offered

April 2 and April 30, from 6-9pm at City Hall. Session topics will include: Formation and Organization of an Association, Creating a Leadership Structure, Volunteer Recruitment, Effective Communication, Planning events and projects, Growing Advocacy and How to Lead a Great Meeting.

Workshops will be led by Outreach staff and current and past neighborhood association leadership. At the conclusion of the program, neighborhoods will be paired with a neighborhood mentor and a city liaison to ensure future success. To participate, a minimum of two neighborhood representatives must attend together. Neighborhood Outreach is also distributing a new Organizing Guide which includes information on forming a core group, organizing effective meetings, choosing officers, membership recruitment, bylaws and more. Great for new associations or as a refresher for all associations!

To receive a copy of the Guide or to register for the April workshop, contact Julie Ellenhorn in Neighborhood Outreach, 425-452-5372 or jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov.

Neighborhood Leadership Gathering

Thursday, February 27

6:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room 1E-108

Don't miss the bi-annual Neighborhood Leadership Gathering this month at City Hall. The gathering will feature an interactive discussion on the City budget process and a budget priorities exercise. The session will be led by Toni Rezab, Assistant Finance Director. The gathering also provides a great opportunity for neighborhoods to learn, share and network together. Neighborhood leadership and residents interested in getting more involved at the neighborhood level are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served. An RSVP is appreciated, but not required at neighborhoodoutreach@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-6836.



Spring Cleaning Idea – It no Longer Runs, Why not Move it Out?

As you gaze out of your window you notice that old vehicle that is taking up space. You have memories of time spent commuting to your old job or enjoying your vehicle for pleasure. Perhaps you had plans to refurbish the vehicle, save it for your children, or donate it to charity, but just didn't know how to get started.



For those residents that are dealing with old or unusable vehicles there are several organizations offering programs free of charge that will pick up cars, boats, trucks, RV's and motorcycles. The vehicles do not have to be operational, but you will need proof of ownership. Often these vehicles or related parts are sold or recycled and help raise funds for local charitable organizations. Qualified organizations will provide a receipt to the donor for a tax deductible donation. (For tax advice, please consult with a licensed financial professional.)

If you decide to move it out, please let us know. We'd love to see before and after photos to see how you reclaimed your space!

What you can do:

- Review IRS Guide to Vehicle Donations: www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4303.pdf
- Locate your title; If you don't have it handy contact King County, <http://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/titles.html>

- Check out a local charitable organization and make sure that they are a qualified 501(c)(3)
- Call to discuss your vehicle condition, understand how to prepare and schedule a pick-up date. For more information: see a sampling of agencies listed below
- Get out your pruning shears if the vehicle has taken on the appearance of a topiary
- Empty the vehicle of personal items
- Dream of how you might beautify the space now reclaimed

Local Organizations with Car Donation Programs:

- http://www.ccsww.org/site/PageServer?pagename=donate_waystodonate (Catholic Community Services Western Washington partnering with donatingiseasy.org)
- http://www.hope-link.org/take_action/in_kind_donations/ (Hopelink partnering with *Volunteers of America-mention Hopelink) * see video – “Avoid Car Donation Scams”
- <http://satruck.org/> (Salvation Army or call Paul 206-587-0503)
- <http://www.seattlegoodwill.org/donate/donate-your-car> (partnering with V-Dac)
- <http://nwcenterautos.com>
- <http://washington.wheelsforwishes.org/make-a-wish-car-donation/>

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Improve Your People Skills

The Bellevue Neighborhood Mediation Program has provided a variety of conflict resolution services to the Bellevue community over the years. Now the program is offering a 40-hour Basic Mediation Training to those who live, work, or go to school in Bellevue. This training is designed for people who are interested in developing mediation and conflict resolution skills. It is also one of the prerequisites for those who may be interested in volunteering with the program.



Mediation is essentially a facilitated negotiation that encourages people in conflict to resolve their own disputes and shape their own agreements.

This is a highly interactive course which includes role playing and practice. The curriculum includes conflict theory, communication skills, conflict styles and mediation tools. Attendees will learn about the role of the mediator, different approaches to mediation (transformative, facilitative and evaluative), preparing for mediation, co-mediation vs. solo mediation, the stages of mediation, techniques for managing emotions, the use of questions, identifying underlying interests, mediator ethics, writing agreements, and closing the mediation session.

This 40-hour training course is on selected Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays in March. Attendance at all sessions is required. The cost is \$350. For more information or to register for the training, please call 425-452-4091 or email mediation_info@bellevuewa.gov.

Lake Hills Community Meeting

Thursday, February 13 7-8:30pm

***Samena Swim Club,
15231 Lake Hills Boulevard***

The Lake Hills Neighborhood Association will be holding a neighborhood meeting on February 13. The meeting agenda includes a review



of a slate officers to lead the association, a presentation by Paul Inghram, City of Bellevue Planning Manager on the 2014 Comprehensive Plan and an update of a survey taken by UW students on the historic mid-twentieth century architecture of the Lake Hills neighborhood.

West Lake Sammamish Parkway: Survey Results are In!

In January's *Neighborhood News*, readers were invited to complete an online survey to provide feedback on the recently-completed West Lake Sammamish Parkway Phase 1 project. Many thanks to those who took the time to complete the survey. Your feedback helps City staff measure success and ensure better projects in the future.



There were 259 responses to the survey, an unprecedented volume of responses. 92% of respondents lived in a neighborhood near West Lake Sammamish Parkway, and 96% drive along West Lake Sammamish Parkway.

30% of respondents work or do business near West Lake Sammamish Parkway.

Overall, responses were encouraging and positive. Many respondents expressed that the newly completed project improved safety and aesthetics along this segment of the Parkway.

The majority of survey respondents agreed that the project accomplished its goals of pedestrian accessibility (82%), bicycle accessibility (68%) and improved safety along the Parkway (69%). 64% agreed that the project was consistent with the city's mission "to provide a safe and efficient transportation system that supports livable neighborhoods and a vital economy in partnership with the community". 61% of respondents indicated that the project met their expectations.

Many survey respondents praised the improved safety and aesthetics the project brought to West Lake Sammamish Parkway. Respondents also expressed appreciation for the courtesy demonstrated by city staff and construction crew during the construction process.

Of the 259 respondents, 67% provided additional comments. As the city experienced throughout the design of the project, there were a wide variety of comments, from strong support of the project to strong opposition. While several respondents eagerly anticipate the next phase, others would rather leave the Parkway as is. A more thorough response to these concerns will be available by March on the West Lake Sammamish parkway web page, <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/west-lk-samm.htm>.

The City of Bellevue values your feedback and considers your comments when developing future projects. Please direct any questions or comments to Tresa Berg, Transportation Public Involvement Manager, at tberg@bellevuewa.gov or 425-452-4638.



February Meetings

(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the City web pages listed below to download agendas.)

2/3 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Confirmation of Outcomes to be utilized in 2015-2016 Budget preparation, ARCH Work Program and Budget, ARCH Housing Projects for HTF Funding (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

2/4 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd.) Election of Officers, Interview of candidates for vacant EBCC position, Review of Ethics Code
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

2/11 Arts Commission (4:30, 1E-109) 2015-16 Work Plan; Annual Funding Allocations Recommendation
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

2/5 East Link Permitting CAC (3:00-5:00, 1E-113) Sound Transit will present the South Bellevue segment: I-90 to Southeast Fourth Street, including South Bellevue Station, for CAC review.
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac.htm>

2/4 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Transportation Element of Comp Plan
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

2/6 Bellevue Network on Aging (8:30-10:30a.m., 1E-120) Elder Mediation Presentation, Committee Reports
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm

2/6 East Link Permitting CAC Special Meeting (5:00-7:00, Enatai Elementary School 10615 SE 23rd St.) The CAC and Sound Transit invite the public to a jointly hosted open house to review and comment on the latest designs for the South Bellevue East Link segment: I-90 to Southeast Fourth Street, including South Bellevue Station.
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac.htm>

2/10 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Transit Master Plan – Capital and Policy Elements, Executive Session on Personnel Matter
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

2/11 Parks & Community Services Board (6:00, 1E-113) Agenda to be determined
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm

2/12 Planning Commission (6:30, City Hall 1E-113) Comprehensive Plan Update, Community Vision, Subarea plan updates and boundaries
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

2/13 Transportation Commission (6:30, 1E-113) Downtown Transportation Plan, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

2/17 President's Day – All City Offices Closed

2/18 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room Arts Commission review of allocation recommendations (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Consent Calendar, Public Hearing on Street Vacation, Public Hearing on Extension of interim regulations for single family rentals
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

2/18 Library Commission (5:00, Bellevue Library 1111 110th Ave. NE) Teen programming for 2014
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/library_board.htm

2/19 East Link Permitting CAC (3:00-5:00p.m., 1E-113) Sound Transit will present the East Main segment: Southeast Fourth Street to Main Street, including East Main Station, for CAC review.
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac.htm>

2/19 Downtown Livability Advisory Committee (6:30 1E-108) Agenda to be determined
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/downtown-livability.htm>

2/20 Human Services Commission (6:30, 1E-120) Agenda to be determined
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

2/20 Environmental Services Commission (6:30, 1E-113) CIP 2013 Accomplishments, CIP Update, Discussion & Recommendation 2014 NPDES Stormwater Mgmt Program Plan, Wastewater Claims Discussion
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm

2/24 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Regional Issues, East Link monthly update
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

2/25 East Link Permitting CAC Special Meeting (5:00-7:00, Red Lion Hotel, 11211 Main St.) The CAC and Sound Transit invite the public to a jointly hosted open house to review and comment on the latest designs for the East Main East Link segment: Southeast Fourth Street to Main Street, including East Main Station.
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/light-rail-permitting-cac.htm>

2/26 Planning Commission (6:30, City Hall 1E-113) Economic Development Strategy Comprehensive Plan Update, 2014 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments, Eastgate Plan
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

2/27 – 3/1 Council Retreat
http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

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